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SUBJECT: OECD NOV 8-9 XCSS MEETING: AGRICULTURE STUDY BY INDEPENDENT GROUP OF EXPERTS

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1. GOI WILL BE REPRESENTED AT NOV 8-9 MEETING OF OECD EXEC COMMITTEE IN SPECIAL SESSION (XCSS) BY VALLE, DIRECTOR OF BANK OF ITALY OFFICE IN PARIS RATHER THAN BY FRACASSI (DIRGEN, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE), ACCORDING TO MINISTRY OF FONAFF (MFA) REP PENZA (OIC, OECD AFFAIRS). COMMENT: VALLE IS FINANCIAL-MONETARY EXPERT NOT FAMILIAR WITH AGRICULTURAL MATTERS AND MAY THEREFORE BE RELUCTANT TO PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSION OF AGRICULTURE STUDY.

2. EMBOFF DELIVERED TEXT OF US AGRICULTURE STUDY PAPER AND LEFT AIDE-MEMOIRE BASED ON PARAS 3-5 REFTEL A WITH PENZA, WHO PROMISED TRANSMIT BOTH TELEGRAPHICALLY TO VALLE BEFORE NOV 5 SO HE WOULD HAVE TIME TO STUDY US PROPOSAL.

3. PENZA HAD SEVERAL OBSERVATIONS AFTER READING US PROPOSAL AND AIDE-MEMOIRE:

(A) IF STUDY AGREED TO, HE HOPED EXPERTS WOULD INDEED BE INDEPENDENT (HE RECALLED US EXPERT ON REY HIGH LEVEL TRADE GROUP WAS USG OFFICIAL). EMBOFF ASSURED HIM THAT USG HAD NO PARTICULAR FORMULA FOR SELECTING EXPERTS AND THAT THIS ISSUE COULD BE WORKED OUT AT XCSS MEETING.

(B) US PAPER RAISED MATTER WHICH SHOULD BE DISCUSSED BY EC MEMBERS IN EFFORT TO REACH COMMON EC POSITION PRIOR TO SCSS CONSIDERATION.

(C) IN ABSENCE OF STUDY BY OTHER MINISTRIES (E.G., AGRIC AND FOREIGN TRADE) AND EC CONSULTATION, HE COULD NOT PREDICT WHAT GOI POSITION WOULD BE AT NOV 8-9 XCSS MEETING. VOLPE

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